

CITIZENS OF BIRMINGHAM URGE TO GO TO POLLS TODAY AND VOTE FOR AUDITORIUM BOND ISSUE

## WILSON RECEIVES HEARTY WELCOME ENROUTE TO MOBILE

Cheering Thousands Greet President as He Speeds South on First Trip

RURAL CREDITS IS SUBJECT OF ADDRESS BEFORE CONGRESS

Refuses to Talk on Mexican Situation During Brief Stay in Atlanta. Daniels and Wilson Discuss Naval Programme

On Board President Wilson's Special Train, Atlanta, October 26.—Thousands and thousands of southern folk in great, cheering throngs welcomed President Wilson to Dixieland today as he sped through Virginia, North and South Carolina and Georgia, en route to the Southern Commercial congress at Mobile, where he will deliver an address tomorrow on rural credits.

The shrill notes of the "rebel yell" at Salisbury, N. C., awakened the President earlier than he had intended to rise and as the autumn sunlight broke over the Blue Ridge a pilgrimage of admiring hosts began. At village and hamlets, where the President's train ran slowly, at cities where stops were made to change engines, there were huge crowds, enthusiastic and happy at their first glimpse of Woodrow Wilson, the first native of the south elevated to the presidency since the civil war.

## STUDENTS WALK 15 MILES FOR GLIMPSE

"We walked 15 miles to see you," said a group of tall North Carolinians, as the President appeared on the car platform at Charlotte. They told Mr. Wilson they were from Davidson college, where he had prepared for Princeton. The President greeted them warmly.

"It's like coming home again," he said, and hundreds of hands were stretched toward him amid cheering. Mr. Wilson shook hands with many, but refrained from making any speeches.

"Speech, speech," cried the crowd at Salisbury, N. C.

"It's Sunday," smiled the President. "Well, we've just come from church," they insisted. "You could preach, you know."

"I can't preach," remarked the President, modestly. "A political sermon," suggested a voice and the President joined in the laugh that followed.

Big boxes of flowers were presented to the President over the rail of his observation car at many points en route.

The biggest demonstration occurred at Salisbury and Charlotte, N. C., Spartanburg and Greenville, S. C., and Gainesville, and Atlanta.

Many of the cities brought familiar faces to mind as Mr. Wilson spoke his early life in this region. He practiced law in Atlanta. The Misses Margaret and Jessie Wilson were born at Asheville, and the President pointed to the city where the President pointed to the place where he was born.

Secretary Daniels of the navy department, who is also to speak at Mobile, was given a warm welcome en route, particularly in his home state—North Carolina.

**PROMINENT PEOPLE ABOARD SPECIAL**

On the President's train were about 100 people, all bound for the Southern Commercial congress. Senator Fletcher of Florida, president of the organization, took a part of the delegation back into the President's car during the afternoon to shake hands and Mr. Wilson later went forward into the Pullmans to greet some of the ladies in the party.

John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American union, and the Latin-American diplomats aboard, held their respects to the President. Among them were Minister Calvo of Costa Rica, Minister Calderon of Bolivia, Minister Pezet of Peru, Minister Morales of Panama, Consul General Cunha of Brazil and Consul General Pardo of Argentina.

The President told the diplomats that his main reason for going to Mobile was to meet with the suggestion of closer relations with their countries. He remarked that they probably were aware of what he had said and done of his love sympathy for Central and South America. He spoke before of the great benefits that would accrue from the Panama canal, declaring that although the waterway physically severed the two continents, it did make for a closer relation in every other respect.

**SCARE IN ATLANTA**

President Wilson was startled here this afternoon by the loud explosion of a photographer's overloaded flashlight. One of his secret service guards rushed to the scene of the explosion, only a few feet from where the President was shaking hands with a crowd of citizens. The photographer was ejected from the train bed. President Wilson jumped perceptibly, as did many members of the crowd when the explosion occurred.

For several moments Mr. Wilson ceased shaking hands and turning to the photographer shook his finger and said something that could not be heard.

The President refused to comment on the Mexican situation in any way during his brief stay in Atlanta. It is understood he received telegrams concerning the situation on his way from Washington, but it was said none was important.

**Naval Programme Discussed**

Secretary of the Navy Daniels today had a brief talk with President Wilson on the naval programme. He took luncheon with the President, but they discussed the subject only in a preliminary way. Secretary Daniels said that neither he or the President had reached any final decision on the battleship programme. Mr. Daniels also said he would make no recommendations until he could obtain further information from Secretary of the treasury McAdoo on expected revenues.

Mr. Daniels is in favor of an early trial of the budget system as a simplifying process of governmental expenditure and believes that under a budget system the question of how big the naval appropriation should be heard.

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## SOCIETY BURGLAR FINALLY BROUGHT TO BAY BY PET DOG

Imposter Who Passed For a Rich Merchant in San Francisco Caught Escaping from House

San Francisco, October 26.—For five years William Bastian has been accepted by local business men as a responsible citizen with a profitable wholesale jewelry business. His property investments have been numerous and large, thousands of dollars have been sent by him to support his mother in Germany and his young sister has had the best educational and social advantages.

Today he lies in the city prison, a confessed robber, with a record covering many years, captured by a pet bull pup which pinned him in a corner as he stole through a back yard in the night.

"My work has been so easy it has been laughable," Bastian told the detectives when he finally broke down. "I have never been disturbed while at work. The people I did business with believed me to be absolutely what I represented myself. Jewelers bought my diamonds and the mint took my melted gold without question."

"I always have been a natural thief and I have found it easy to steal things, but I am averse to killing or hurting. I never had been in a position where I had to shoot until Friday night. My reluctance to use my revolver caused my capture."

Bastian was making his way across the yard of the home of Ulrich De Brunner Friday night, when Miss Jennie De Brunner's bulldog discovered him. The upstart burglar, who had been in the house for some time, saw the dog and while the dog held the man, she summoned the police.

Evidence to substantiate Bastian's alleged confession is said by the police to have been found in his handsomely furnished apartment, where he lived with his young sister. The girl was unaware of his source of revenue, he said, and the police are inclined to believe him.

## METHODIST MEN TO MEET IN INDIANAPOLIS

That "Methodism Must Evangelize Her Share of the World" the Keynote of Meeting

Indianapolis, October 26.—"Methodism must evangelize her share of the world," will be the keynote of the National Convention of Methodist Men, who will convene here next Tuesday and continue through Friday. Three thousand delegates, including bishops, secretaries, district superintendents, clergymen and laymen are expected.

The announced purpose of the convention is "to increase missionary intelligence and deepen spiritual life, present definite responsibility of Methodism both at home and abroad in relation to other denominations and Christian agencies; to make a practical denominational program; and to advance the cause of the church."

A number of national boards of the church will meet in connection with the convention.

Among the bishops on the programme are James Bashford, Peeking; Homer C. Stuntz, South America; Earl Cranston, Washington; Theodore S. Henderson, Chattanooga; W. A. Quale, St. Paul; W. P. McDowell, Chicago, and William F. Anderson, Cincinnati.

## ROOSEVELT PARTY OFF FOR SAO PAULO

Rio Janeiro, October 26.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt left Rio Janeiro at 8 o'clock this evening by a special train for Sao Paulo. The party was accompanied to the train by a large number of President Roosevelt's friends.

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John Cox Underwood Dies

New York, October 26.—John Cox Underwood, former lieutenant governor of Kentucky, died today at the Hahnemann hospital in Philadelphia. He was 73 years old.

## WILSON THINKS OF WORK BEFORE HIM

Political Washington Gossips Over Recent Speech Made in Philadelphia

Washington, October 26.—Political Washington today gossiped about President Wilson's speech at Congress hall, Philadelphia, when he declared "if you talk too much about being re-elected it's very difficult to be worth re-electing."

Prominent democrats familiar with the President's point of view declared he was not giving the slightest concern to anything but the four years ahead.

"I don't care a continental about a second term," the President is quoted by some of his friends as having said not long ago. "I have been elected to one job and must first do that well."

Discussing the President's speech, a cabinet member today declared it was a typical utterance of Mr. Wilson, that the President was thinking only of the work before him and its accomplishment, and not of the political future.

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## RECONSTRUCTION OF CURRENCY BILL WILL BEGIN TODAY

Measure Will Be Considered Behind Closed Doors By Banking Committee

MAJORITY IN FAVOR OF THE VANDERLIP IDEA

Glass in Statement Declares Vanderlip's Scheme, If Given Consideration, Will Delay and Frustrate Currency Legislation

Washington, October 26.—Reconstruction of the administration currency bill begins tomorrow behind closed doors in the Senate banking committee. The issue is clearly drawn by the bill as passed by the House. The central bank plan, proposed by President Frank A. Vanderlip, National City bank of New York.

Whether the administration bill, backed by President Wilson's expressed uncompromising opposition to the Vanderlip plan, and renewed support from administration supporters will emerge triumphant from the Senate committee or whether a middle ground will be found between the two measures is the next question in the situation.

The Senate committee begins work with a majority of its members admittedly favoring the Vanderlip idea. Administration supporters, viewing that fact, declare that such a measure could not be passed in the House and that the committee, therefore, must work with the administration bill as a basis, preserving its fundamentals if currency legislation is not to be indefinitely delayed.

**Class Issues Statement**

Chairman Glass of the House committee, one of the framers of the administration bill, issued a statement on the Vanderlip plan. It was practically as follows: "I have somewhere read that in England—or maybe it was in Scotland—they used to have an annual fox hunt, at one stage of which, with Reynard hard pressed, a red herring was thrown across the trail to divert the pursuit and give the fox another chance. Of course, what is popularly styled the money power in this country is not a fox, but would anybody dream of suspecting Mr. Vanderlip of being in the red herring business?"

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"On July 24, Mr. Vanderlip wrote me a letter voicing the protest of himself and other bankers against certain provisions of the House bill and I wonder that he had soon forgotten what he had said. He assured that the House bill was 'a last-ditch effort' to save the currency legislation, if given consideration, have that inevitable effect."

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## PRESIDENT WILSON WHO IS ON FIRST VISIT TO ALABAMA



PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON

## WASHINGTON KEEPS CLOSELY IN TOUCH WITH THE SITUATION

CIPHER CABLE FROM LIND TO BRYAN, HOWEVER, IS NOT MADE PUBLIC

## LITTLE EXCITEMENT ATTENDS ELECTIONS

Voting Said To Have Been Extremely Light, According to Advices from Mexico City—Time Limit for Warships Expires

Washington, October 26.—Officials in Washington today kept in constant touch with the state department for news from the Mexican elections and President Wilson, though absent, en route to the Southern Commercial Congress in Mobile, was kept advised of the situation as it was reflected from Mexico City.

**Voting Extremely Light**

Secretary Bryan was in communication with his office until late tonight. He received a long cipher cablegram from the special American envoy, John Lind, in Vera Cruz. This message, the contents of which were not made public, was reported to contain a summary of instructions sent out to the Mexican governors from the Huerta government for the conduct of the election. Tonight the messages were received from Nelson O'Shaughnessy, the American charge at Mexico City, stating that the elections, insofar as reported to the Mexican capital, had been conducted quietly, but little excitement had been apparent anywhere and that the voting was extremely light. Mr. Tumulty, secretary to the President, conferred with Mr. Bryan late tonight on the situation and later announced that nothing of importance had been reported.

**Warships' Limit Expires**

The six months' limit under which American battleships have been in Mexican waters by permission of the Huerta government, expired today. Huerta has given notice it would not renew the Mexican statute forbidding the presence of a foreign ship in Mexican waters more than a month without permission from the government. Ships of the Atlantic fleet will sail this week from Hampton roads to replace those at Vera Cruz and the expectation is that the ships will be changed monthly and thus come within the designation of visitor.

**Mission Secretary Dead**

Durham, N. C., October 26.—Rev. Robert Forbes, aged 70 years, secretary of the board of home missions of the Methodist Episcopal church, with headquarters in Philadelphia, died of a complication of diseases at a hospital here late last night.

## TODAY'S AGE-HERALD

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## MEXICAN CONGRESS MAY DECLARE THE ELECTION INVALID

EXCHANGE OF VIEWS BY POWERS IS MEANT AS NO REFLECTION

Believed France Begun the Movement Showing U. S. Concerted Friendliness

## COURSE OF ACTION DEPENDS ON ELECTION

Many Believe U. S. Has Reason to Feel Europe Preparing to Manifest a Spirit of Co-Operation Proclamation of Powers

Washington, October 26.—According to unofficial advices received here today the exchange of views between the European powers at Paris was preparatory to showing the United States that action in Mexico hitherto by the various foreign governments was not intended as an evidence of unfriendly feeling.

**Movement Begun by France**

It is believed the movement toward showing this country concerted friendliness was instituted by the French government. Upon the outcome of these diplomatic parleys across the ocean depends, it is understood, whether or not the Washington government will issue the already prepared note defining its views that interference by foreign governments with the American policy toward Mexico was not desired.

Many people conversant with the situation predicted that the United States already had reason to feel that Europe was preparing to manifest a spirit of co-operation and that the issuance of the proclamation might offend the sensibilities of those nations which up to the present had refrained from embarrassing the United States in any way.

**Wilson in Constant Touch**

President Wilson, though absent from Washington, was kept constantly advised of the situation. Just what the next step in the American policy will be has not yet been determined by the officials themselves. It is believed a course of action will be framed on the outcome of the Mexican election and the incidents of election day.

Should the election fail to result in a choice and indications point toward Huerta being continued in power for a long period some move on the part of Europe in support of the American demand for the elimination of Huerta from the situation is looked for. The capture of Monterey by the constitutionalists and the progress being made by them toward establishing a provisional government is being closely watched here. Efforts to obtain the support of the United States for the constitutionalists cause also are increasing.

**London, October 26.**—The Daily Telegraph in a special article on the Mexican situation, argues that Great Britain recognized President Huerta only for a limited period, which terminated with yesterday's election.

The diplomatic state, says the paper, is now cleaned and it cannot be too strongly insisted that any refusal of General Huerta to respect his undertakings not to accept the presidency, or that any violence shown towards prisoners or others would create a new situation entitling Great Britain to reconsider her recognition.

The writer of the article claims he has the highest sanction for denying that Minister Carden's interview with Huerta had any bearing upon the strained relations between Mexico and the United States. It further states that Sir Edward Grey has taken Ambassador Page fully into his confidence, that the most pleasant relations exist between the American ambassador and the British foreign office and that whatever action may seem necessary after the elections, the same frank and friendly correspondence will be maintained.

**Eyes Turned on Hennessy**

"It is of Hennessy rather than on his late chief—the deposed governor—that all eyes are turned, and from whose lips come statements, charges and challenges that have caused an awakening of interest among voters and led the Tammany leaders to plan countercharges. Fresh from investigations of various state departments as executive auditor, Hennessy has entered the local campaign, speaking several times nightly, telling of what he alleges his investigations have uncovered and challenging the occupants of state and city offices and their political associates to reply.

Hennessy, the most picturesque figure in the canvass, was born in Ireland 54 years ago and came with his parents to Brooklyn when a boy. He began his newspaper training as an office boy and rose to the position of managing editor of the New York Press, serving in the capacity for several years. He was elected during which he gained the lifelong friendship of William Sulzer, then democratic floor leader. When Sulzer became governor of his early appointees was Hennessy as "executive auditor," a place that gave him the opportunity to investigate state departments. Always opposing what he termed "boss rule," Hennessy entered the local campaign, with alleged disclosure of irregularity that has come near overshadowing all else. Meanwhile Sulzer is continuing his activities to the sixth assembly district, where he holds the progressive nomination and is making speeches every day telling his side of the impeachment charges which he declares his counsel would not permit him to tell at his trial. Tammany leaders have expressed the hope that Sulzer's advent into the campaign will be resented outside the sixth district and that their candidate for mayor, Edward E. McCall, and other Tammany nominees will benefit in other parts of the city.

Although not as aggressively as Hennessy, John Purroy Mitchell, fusion nominee for mayor, is making his fight on Tammany hall and McCall, his candidate, as the alleged tool of Charles F. Murphy, Tammany leader. Charles Edward Russell, socialist candidate, is opposing both Mitchell and McCall as "boss controlled."

**Contests for Minor Offices**

Aside from the mayoralty campaign there are many contests for minor offices and for the state assembly. With all these candidates active and with Hennessy promising additional disclosures, with Sulzer's continued speechmaking in the east side and McCall, Mitchell and Russell speaking almost continuously every day, the present week bids fair to be a busy one.

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## SEVEN DEAD FIREMEN TAKEN FROM RUINS

Fire at Goodyear Rubber Plant, Milwaukee, Entails \$500,000 Loss

Milwaukee, October 26.—Seven dead firemen and 21 injured were taken from the ruins of the Goodyear Rubber company here tonight in a fire which caused a loss of \$500,000. It is believed there are several more bodies in the ruins.

The flames broke out on the second floor and while the firemen were fighting the blaze from the front and rear, an explosion sent the walls crashing down on 50 firemen. Windows for blocks around were smashed and the flames spread to adjoining buildings. Rescue companies were sent into the blazing mass and the bodies of the dead and injured were taken out.

Practically the entire fire fighting apparatus of the city was called to the scene, which is in the heart of the business section. Several other firms beside the Goodyear company suffered losses.

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Not Believed That Sufficient Votes Were Cast to Constitute Legal Choice Yesterday

## GENERAL DIAZ IS FORCED TO RESIGN ARMY COMMISSION

No Demonstrations of Any Kind Were Attempted—Few Who Go to the Polls Take Trouble to Vote for Senators or Deputies. Huerta Issues Decree

Mexico City, October 26.—At the close of the elections today the indications were that not sufficient votes had been cast in Mexico to constitute a legal choice for the presidency to succeed Gen. Victoriano Huerta.

No official announcement was made tonight, but it was unofficially estimated, judging from the results in the capital where it was expected that the vote would be up to average, that less than 10,000 of the 80,000 eligible voters in the federal district went to the polls. There are said to be more than 2,000,000 eligible voters in the republic. It would be no